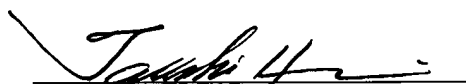


REMARKS:

Examiner Burch is thanked for the courtesy of an interview extended to Applicants. The issue discussed at the interview was whether the last limitation of claim 14 could read on the construction disclosed in JP-2002-327780, or more specifically whether any part of the return spring of the Japanese reference which contacts with the wall may be considered the edge recited in claim 14.

In the above amendment, Applicants have amended claim 14 to remove any ambiguity as to how the return spring and the wall contact with each other. In claim 14 as amended, the return spring abuts in a rotational direction thereof against the at least one wall, and a reaction force received by the return spring from the at least one wall upon abutment against the at least one wall, exclusive of a frictional force from the at least one wall, comprises some force acting against the return spring in the direction opposite to the rotational direction of the return spring. In the Japanese reference, the return spring frictionally contacts with the wall at its distal end. Therefore, in the Japanese reference, the reaction force received by the return spring from the wall upon abutment against the wall, exclusive of the frictional force from the wall, should be zero. It is thus believed that the invention recited in claim 14 as amended is clearly distinguishable from the Japanese reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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